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                               NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
    In re
                                                            10-30928 TEC
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     RAJIV PURI, SR.,
                                                     Chapter 7
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                  Debtor.
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                                                     No.
                                                            10-32054 TEC
     In re
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     ABDUS OURESHI AND NAHEED
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     QURESHI,
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             STIPULATION FOR PAYMENT OF FINE TO U.S. TRUSTEE, REFUND, AND
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            August B. Landis, the Acting United States Trustee for the Northern District of California -
     Region 17 ("U.S. Trustee"), hereby stipulates with Attorney Demas Yan<sup>1</sup> for payment of a fine to the
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     U.S. Trustee, refund and certain practice changes, in lieu of the U.S. Trustee filing a motion seeking
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     sanctions and payment of a fine.
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            <sup>1</sup>The petition in this case reflects the Mr. Yan's name as "Dennis Yan" however he acknowledges
     that his legal name and that reflected on the California State Bar's website is "Demas Yan." The name
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     "Dennis Yan" does not appear in the database of attorneys maintained by the California State Bar and
     available online at www.calbar.ca.gov. An attorney named "Demas Yan" is authorized to practice law in
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     California under license number 257854. Mr. Yan admitted to the U.S. Trustee that he is Demas Yan
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     but uses "Dennis Yan" as his alias.
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FACTUAL RECITALS

The U.S. Trustee, by and through undersigned counsel, and Mr. Yan hereby agree to the following factual recitals.

- 1. Demas Yan is a duly licensed California attorney under California license number 257854.
- 2. Mr. Yan is a Registered Participant as defined by Bankruptcy Local Rule 5005-1(a), and as such is authorized to electronically file documents through the electronic case filing system in place in the Northern District of California.

Recitals with respect to bankruptcy cases filed by Rajiv Puri

- 3. On March 17, 2010, Rajiv Puri, Sr.² filed a voluntary petition for relief under chapter 7 of title 11 of the United States Code ("Bankruptcy Code"), case number 10-30928.
 - 4. Mr. Puri filed case no. 10-30928 with Mr. Yan's assistance.
 - 5. Mr. Yan electronically filed case no. 10-30928 with the court on March 17, 2010.
- 6. At the time of filing case no. 10-30928, Mr. Yan did not possess the original signed petition, schedules, Statement of Financial Affairs, Statement of Current Monthly Income and Means Test Calculation and Statement of Social Security Number.
- 7. Mr. Yan filed the aforementioned documents at the direction of Mr. Puri after receiving oral communication from him.
 - 8. Mr. Yan did not personally review with Mr. Puri the signed documents prior to filing.
- 9. Mr. Yan did not maintain physical possession of the documents after filing in accordance with Bankruptcy Local Rule 5005-2(c).
- 10. Mr. Yan is also the attorney of record in the three prior cases filed by Mr. Puri since September, 2009: 09-32667 filed on September 8, 2009; 09-33087 filed on October 7, 2009, and 10-30143 filed on January 18, 2010.

²Mr. Puri testified that his name does not include "Sr." The three prior cases filed by Mr. Puri with Mr. Yan's assistance do not bear "Sr." as part of the debtor's name. Even after this was raised at the U.S. Trustee's Rule 2004 Examination on April 28, 2010, Mr. Yan and Mr. Puri have not corrected the petition.

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11.	Mr.	Yan elect	ronically	filed	each	of Mr.	Puri'	s three	prior	cases
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- 12. At the time of filing each of the three prior cases, Mr. Yan did not have in his possession the original signed petition.
- 13. Mr. Yan did not maintain physical possession of the original signed petition in each of the three prior cases in accordance with Bankruptcy Local Rule 5005-2(c).
- 14. Mr. Yan filed the petitions for each of the three prior cases at the direction of Mr. Puri after receiving oral communication from him.
- 15. Mr. Yan failed to properly advise Mr. Puri to disclose the three prior bankruptcy filings in Mr. Puri's fourth bankruptcy case (10-30928).
- 16. The petition filed in the fourth bankruptcy case filed by Mr. Puri does not disclose the three prior cases he filed.
- 17. On the petition where a debtor is required to disclose all prior bankruptcies filed in the last 8 years Mr. Puri reported "none" on the petition filed in the fourth case.
- 18. All three prior cases filed by Mr. Puri were dismissed for failure to file the balance of required documents, including the schedules and Statement of Financial Affairs.
- 19. In bankruptcy case no. 10-30928, Mr. Yan failed to recognize that Mr. Puri did not complete credit counseling prior to filing the bankruptcy case when Mr. Yan filed the Certificate of Debtor Education as a Certificate of Credit Counseling.
 - 20. Mr. Puri paid a total of \$600 to Mr. Yan for all four bankruptcy cases.
 Recitals with respect to bankruptcy case of Abdus and Naheed Qureishi
- 21. On June 2, 2010, a voluntary petition for relief under chapter 11 of title 11 of the Bankruptcy Code was filed bearing the names of Abdus Qureshi{sic} and Naheed Qureshi{sic}, case number 10-32054.
 - 22. Mr. Yan did not personally review the proof of identification for Mr. or Mrs. Qureishi.
 - 23. The correct spelling of Mr. and Mrs. Qureishi's last name is Q-u-r-e-i-s-h-i.
 - 24. Mr. Qureishi filed case no. 10-32054 with Mr. Yan's assistance.
 - 25. Mr. Yan electronically filed case no. 10-32054 with the court on June 2, 2010.
- 26. The petition electronically filed by Mr. Yan on June 2, 2010 in case no. 10-32054 does STIPULATION FOR PAYMENT OF FINE, REFUND, AND ACKNOWLEDGMENT TO CHANGE PRACTICES -

not disclose the related case electronically filed on June 1, 2010 by Mr. Yan, *In re Cap Invest, Inc.* (Case No. 10-55770).³

- 27. At Exhibit D to the petition electronically filed by Mr. Yan on June 2, 2010 in case no. 10-32054, it appears that Mr. and Mrs. Qureishi each checked the box asserting that they are not required to obtain pre-petition credit counseling because of incapacity.
- 28. Mr. and Mrs. Qureishi⁴ testified at their meeting of creditors on July 6, 2010 that they were not and are not incapacitated.
- 29. At the time Mr. Yan electronically filed case no. 10-32054, he had yet to meet Mrs. Qureishi.
- 30. At the time Mr. Yan electronically filed case no. 10-32054, neither Mr. nor Mrs. Qureishi had signed any bankruptcy documents, including the petition, schedules, Statement of Financial Affairs and Chapter 11 Statement of Current Monthly Income⁵.
- 31. At the time Mr. Yan electronically filed case no. 10-32054, Mr. Yan did not possess the original signed documents he filed on behalf of the Debtors.
- 32. Mr. Yan filed the aforementioned documents at the direction of Mr. Qureishi after receiving oral communication from him.
- 33. Mr. Yan did not personally review with Mr. Qureishi and Mrs. Qureishi the documents prior to electronically filing them on June 2, 2010.
 - 34. Mr. and Mrs. Qureishi did not sign the aforementioned documents until June 29, 2010.
- 35. Mr. and Mrs. Qureishi maintained possession of the documents they signed on June 29, 2010 until July 20, 2010 when the signed documents were produced to the U.S. Trustee for review.

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³The *Cap Invest* petition disclosed under "Pending Bankruptcy Case Filed by any Spouse, Partner or Affiliate of this Debtor": Abdus Salam Qureshi as "Name of Debtor" and President as "Relationship".

⁴Mrs. Qureishi testified at the July 6, 2010 meeting of creditors that she was not aware of the requirement for pre-petition counseling until she read the bankruptcy papers for the first time after they had already been filed.

⁵The Chapter 11 Statement of Current Monthly bore only the purported electronic signature of Mr. Qureishi.

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match the bankruptcy documents on file with the bankruptcy court.

37. Mr. Yan did not personally review the evidence of Social Security Number for Mr. or Mrs. Qureishi.

The signed documents produced to the U.S. Trustee by Mr. and Mrs. Qureishi did not

- 38. Mr. Yan electronically filed a Statement of Social Security for Mr. Qureishi with the court on June 4, 2010.
- 39. At the time Mr. Yan electronically filed Mr. Qureishi's Statement of Social Security Number, Mr. Qureishi had not signed that statement.
- 40. At the time Mr. Yan electronically filed Mr. Qureishi's Statement of Social Security Number, Mr. Yan did not possess the original signed documents he filed on behalf of Mr. Qureishi.
- 41. Mr. Yan did not personally review with Mr. Qureishi the Statement of Social Security Number prior to electronically filing it on June 4, 2010.
- 42. The Statement of Social Security Number filed by Mr. Yan for Mr. Qureishi is wrong with respect to the third digit.
- 43. To date, Mr. Yan has not filed an amended Statement of Social Security Number reflecting Mr. Qureishi's correct Social Security Number.
- 44. Mr. Yan electronically filed a Statement re Payment Advices for the Debtors with the court on June 22, 2010.
- 45. At the time Mr. Yan electronically filed Debtors' Statement re Payment Advices, neither of the Debtors had signed that statement.
- 46. At the time Mr. Yan electronically filed Debtors' Statement re Payment Advices, Mr. Yan did not possess the original signed document he filed on behalf of the Debtors.
- 47. At the meeting of creditors on July 6, 2010, Mr. Yan reported that certain assets and certain liabilities were not disclosed in the schedules he electronically filed for Debtors on June 2, 2010 and was prepared to file amended schedules. Debtors' testimony at the meeting of creditors revealed an interest in a 2000 Mercedes, a family trust and certain claims asserted by Debtors; additional creditors; a co-obligor (Cap Invest) and Mr. Qureishi's position as Chairman of Sysorex and Sysorex Federal, two California corporations.

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this Stipulation review each open bankruptcy case filed in California in which he assisted the debtor to verify that a statement pursuant to Rule 2016(b) of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure is filed, and where the statement is incorrect, file an amended statement.

- 58. Mr. Yan, at his expense, shall no later than 30 days after the entry of an order approving this Stipulation effectuate the filing of an amended Petition in *In re Qureshi{sic}*, case no. 10-32054, to correctly reflect the correct spelling of their last name.
- 59. Mr. Yan, at his expense, shall no later than 30 days after the entry of an order approving this Stipulation effectuate the filing of an amended Statement of Social Security Number for Mr. Qureishi in *In re Qureshi{sic}*, case no. 10-32054, to correctly reflect Mr. Qureishi's true social security number.

Practice Changes

- 60. Mr. Yan acknowledges that he is an officer of the court and has a duty of candor to the court.
- 61. Mr. Yan agrees to abide in all cases by the minimum standards established by the *Guidelines for Legal Services to be Provided by Debtors' Attorney in Chapter 7 Cases* adopted by the bankruptcy courts in the Northern District of California, including, but not limited to, providing a copy of the *Guidelines* to the debtor, personally meet with the debtor and explain the options available under both chapter 7 and chapter 13 (and for prospective chapter 11 clients, explain the options available under chapter 11), and review the final petition, schedules, Statement of Financial Affairs, and statement of social security number prior to filing with the court.
- 62. Mr. Yan agrees to review personally or with staff assistance, the debtor's proof of identification and social security number.
- 63. Mr. Yan agrees to advise the debtor to provide such proof of identity and social security number, or a written statement that one does not exist, at the section 341 meeting of creditors.
- 64. Mr. Yan agrees to abide by all rules, orders, and provisions regarding electronic case filing in effect in the Northern District of California so long as Mr. Yan is a Registered Participant.
- 65. Should any of the rules, order, and provisions regarding electronic case filing be modified, abridged, or revised, Mr. Yan agrees to abide by said provisions so long as he is a Registered STIPULATION FOR PAYMENT OF FINE, REFUND, AND ACKNOWLEDGMENT TO CHANGE PRACTICES 7

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- 66. Specifically, though not limited thereto, Mr. Yan agrees to abide by Bankruptcy Local Rule 5005-2(c) to physically possess the original document bearing the original signature of another person, including any future debtors, prior to filing the document with the bankruptcy court.
- 67. Mr. Yan agrees to abide by Bankruptcy Local Rule 5005-2(c) to maintain physical possession of the original signed documents for five years after the case or adversary proceeding in which the document was filed is closed.
- 68. Mr. Yan agrees to abide by Bankruptcy Local Rule 1015-1(b) to file a Notice of Related Case when applicable.
- 69. Mr. Yan agrees to ensure compliance with 11 U.S.C. § 109(h), including but not limited to, verifying or confirming that a person has completed credit counseling prior to filing for voluntary bankruptcy relief, taking steps to ensure the case will not be dismissed for lack of credit counseling, or advising the person of the consequences of failing to complete the credit counseling requirement.
- 70. Mr. Yan agrees to run a search on PACER to determine whether a prospective debtor has previously filed a bankruptcy case within the last eight years.
- 71. Mr. Yan agrees to comply with the *U.S. Trustee's Guidelines*, including but not limited to, § 2 (Employment and Compensation of Professional Persons).
- 72. Mr. Yan or another licensed attorney must spend at least one hour counseling the debtor and making sure that all assets and debts are discovered and scheduled. *See In re Tran*, 427 B.R. 805, 810 (Bankr. N.D. Cal. 2010).

Retention of Jurisdiction

73. The Court shall retain jurisdiction of this matter for all purposes.

OTHER TERMS

74. The parties agree and respectfully request this Court enter an order approving this Stipulation and directing Mr. Yan to (a) pay a fine of \$600 to the U.S. Trustee within 30 days after entry of the Order approving this Stipulation; (b) refund \$1,000 to Mr. and Mrs. Qureishi within 30 days after entry of the Order approving this Stipulation and provide proof of such payment to the U.S. Trustee within 14 days of making such payment to Mr. and Mrs. Qureishi; (c) no later than 30 days after entry of STIPULATION FOR PAYMENT OF FINE, REFUND, AND ACKNOWLEDGMENT TO CHANGE PRACTICES - 8 - Case: 10-30928 Doc# 44 Filed: 08/25/10 Entered: 08/25/10 13:12:16 Page 8 of 11

the Order approving this Stipulation review each open bankruptcy case filed in California in which he 2 assisted the debtor to verify that a statement pursuant to Rule 2016(b) of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure is filed, and where the statement is incorrect, file an amended statement, and 3 4 within 14 days of conducting such review, certify to the U.S. Trustee that such review was made by 5 submitting to the U.S. Trustee a declaration identifying the cases reviewed by case name and case 6 number; (d) within 30 days after entry of the Order approving this Stipulation effectuate the filing of an 7 amended Petition in *In re Qureshi{sic}*, case no. 10-32054 to correctly reflect the correct spelling of the 8 debtors' last name; and (e) within 30 days after entry of the Order approving this Stipulation effectuate 9 the filing of an amended Statement of Social Security Number for Mr. Qureishi in *In re Qureshi{sic}*, 10 case no. 10-32054, to correctly reflect Mr. Qureishi's true social security number. 11 75. The parties further agree that each party shall bear its own attorney's fees and costs, if 12 any, incurred in connection with this Stipulation. 13 76. The parties further agree that should the Court reject this stipulation for any reason, the U.S. Trustee shall be free to proceed with appropriate action in the respective bankruptcy cases. 14 15 77. The parties further agree that this Stipulation constitutes the entire agreement between the 16 parties with respect to the subject matter of this Stipulation, and supersedes any and all prior oral or 17 written agreements and understandings. 18 It is so agreed: Dated: August 25, 2010 19 Demas Yan 20 Demas Yan (aka Dennis Yan) State Bar No. 257854 21 It is so agreed: 22 Dated: August 25, 2010 August B. Landis, Acting United States Trustee 23 Minnie Loo By: Minnie Loo, Trial Attorney for U.S. Trustee 24 25 26 It is so agreed: Dated: August 25, 2010 August B. Landis, Acting United States Trustee 27 By: Julie M. Glosson

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DONNA S. TAMANAHA, Assistant U.S. Trustee (WI#1013199) 1 Minnie Loo, Trial Attorney (106613) U.S. Department of Justice 2 Office of the United States Trustee 3 235 Pine Street, Suite 700 San Francisco, CA 94104-3484 4 Telephone: (415) 705-3333 Facsimile: (415) 705-3379 5 Attorneys for Acting United States Trustee **AUGUST LANDIS** 6 7 UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT 8 NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA 9 No.10-32054 TC 10 In re: Chapter 11 ABDUS SALAM QURESHI and 11 NAHEED QURESHI, 12 Debtors. 13 **DECLARATION OF LEWIS PHON** I, Lewis Phon, declare: 14 I am an attorney licensed to practice by the State Bar of California (SBN # 74907) and 1. 15 my office address is 4040 Heaton Ct, Antioch, California. 16 I make this declaration based on my own personal knowledge. 2. 17 If called, I would testify to the following: 3. 18 I was present in Judge Carlson's courtroom on 30 July 2010 when the above-captioned 19 case was called on the 9:30 a.m. calendar. I do not know Demas Yan who appeared as counsel for the 20 Debtors in this case. I have never met Mr. Yan. 21 At the conclusion of the hearing with Mr. Yan on this case, the court called my matter 5. 22 (In re Ko) for hearing. I appeared as did Minnie Loo, counsel for the United States Trustee. 23 Following the conclusion of the hearing on our matter, my client, Ms. Loo and I left the 6. 24 courtroom. Ms. Loo asked me about my serving as Mr. Yan's "legal advisor". I was surprised as I did 25 not know Mr. Yan. Ms. Loo pointed out that M1. Yan was the counsel who appeared in the case before 26 ours. Ms. Loo showed me Mr. Yan's declaration in support of his employment filed on 27 July 2010 in 27 this case where he stated: "Currently, I have a legal advisor, Mr. Lewis Phon (SBN 74907, active since 28

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1977), whom I call on as needed for legal guidance in Bankruptcy law and procedures." I have not spoken with Mr. Yan although I have talked by telephone with Mr. Yan's assistant, Wagar Khan, to answer general questions about bankruptcy procedure in connection with a case that was filed in San Jose, California. and another case in Oakland, California.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the foregoing statements are true and correct, and, if ealled upon to testify thereon as a witness, I would be competent to so testify. Executed this 30th day of July 2010.

Lewis Phon

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